Service Pupil Premium (SPP) Policy

Introduction

The SPP was introduced by the Department for Education in 2011 in recognition of the specific challenges children from Service families face and as part of the commitment to delivering the Armed Forces Covenant. Pupils attract the SPP if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents are serving in the regular armed forces
- They have been registered as a "Service Child" in the school census at any point since 2001
- One of their parents died whilst serving and the pupil receives a pension.

Purpose

The purpose of the SPP is to offer pastoral support during challenging times, such as deployments, exercises or long courses, to mitigate the negative impact on the children. It is also used to support academic progress for Service children, however it is not required to show attainment targets at any milestone

In order to support the pastoral needs of Service children, SPP could be spent on a variety of support including Home School Link Worker support, service specific clubs etc. Additional staff hours may be required to support the needs of Service children when they join a new school as a result of a posting or when a parent is deployed and these hours could be funded by the SPP.

SPP should not be used to subsidise routine school activity (trips, music lessons etc), [1]however, schools may choose to fund school trips exclusively for Service Children to help them enjoy their time at school and build a wider community and understanding of the role of their service parent.

Subsidising of school uniform and equipment for Service children is not deemed as suitable use for SPP as it does not address the pastoral needs of a pupil.[2]

[1] SPP could be used to assist with expensive residential trips at the schools discretion.
[2] https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-service-pupil-premium/service-pupil-premium-what-you-need-to-know

Welcome from our Service Pupil Premium Governor and Forces Club HSLW

Our school community contains a significant proportion of military families with a high percentage with one or both parents serving in the Armed Forces. Our aim here at Grange Junior is to provide Service children with suitable pastoral and academic support.

The school runs a weekly Forces Club for an hour, after school on a Tuesday. All service children are welcome to attend this club. Pupils take part in activities such as story-telling and discussion about the forces (where in the world are Mum/Dad etc), arts, crafts and games. In this session, children are encouraged to open up and share their feelings. A proportion of SPP funding is directly given to the Forces Club for resources and funding is also allocated for external activities with other school's Forces Clubs (see the school's Pupil Premium report for more detail on spending).

We aim to develop links with Parents and actively encourage support activities such as e-bluey writing and scrap book completion. It is requested that the school office is informed of potential deployments or indeed family circumstance issues where your child may need additional pastoral assistance.

We look forward to meeting you and if you require any information about the school please contact the office in the first instance.

For general information and advice on SPP please visit the following websites:

https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/7-Things-you-need-to-know-about-Service-Pupil-Premium-factsheet.pdf

https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/campaign/support-for-service-children/